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REMARKS

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1. On 18 January 1953, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse and on Planitz Strasse, Chemnitz, was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Eight to 10 heavy machine guns and about 15 to 20 light machine guns were determined in the installation. The heavy machine guns were being moved on one-axle trailers. At about 2 p.m. on 17 January, about 12 soldiers with Alsatian dogs were seen in the quarry at Beurenberg (hill) marching toward the wood camp near Euba. [redacted]

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2. On 18 January, the east section of the barracks installation on Planitz Strasse, north of Lenin Strasse, was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [] they were recruits. A local resident stated that about 15 to 20 x 25-mm AA guns and about 15 x 76-mm AA guns were in the installation. At about 9:30 a.m. on 16 January, trucks [] each towing an AA gun or, [] 76-mm, left the installation. At about 3 p.m. on 16 January, [] six 25-mm AA guns in the Glosa-Heinersdorf area. On 17 January, about 16 NCOs were seen at small bore target practice behind the forestry in the Zeisigwald (woods). Almost daily between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., soldiers practiced aiming and drilled in the area of the former air bath installation in the Zeisigwald. []

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3. On 25 January, the west section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne, north of Adalbert Stifter Weg, Chemnitz, was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia. On 9 January, 15 trucks were lined up in the barracks yard. During the night of 20 January, a battalion in the strength of about four companies left the installation. ³

4. On 25 January, the east section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets and including about 20 uniformed women. [redacted] that these troops were medical personnel or drivers, as the installation, after the deactivation of the Rubenstein hospital, served as hospital for Chemnitz and vicinity. At about 11:30 a.m. on 25 January, about 40 to 45 soldiers were seen en route to the installation. ³

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5. On 7 January, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 10 a.m., about 30 soldiers with carbines with fixed bayonets left the installation toward the Zeisigwald training area. Pistol firing and submachine gun firing was the only training activity [redacted]

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6. On 7 January, the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] they were recruits. At about 10:20 a.m., 20 soldiers received training in firing in the barracks yard and, at about 4:30 p.m., about 30 officers left the installation. All barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. [redacted]

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7. On 7 January, the west section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. ³

8. On 7 January, the east section of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The partly destroyed motor vehicle sheds were locked and guarded by a sentry. [redacted] ³

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9. On 9 December 1952, the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied to capacity. Sentries [redacted] wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. Intensive activity, details of which could not be determined, was [redacted] in the barracks area. [redacted]

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10. On 9 December, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied to capacity. Soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen. About 90 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted after nightfall. [redacted]

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The west section of the barracks installation north
25X1 of Lenin Strasse [] occupied as previously by MGE units.
The strength figure of 200 in paragraph 5 is underestimated as, during
the preceding months, several sources reported a total occupation
strength of 1,000 troops in this installation.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. In addition to the Hq 6th Gds AAA Div (US), at least
a medium and a light AAA regiment appear to be stationed in the east
section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse. As elements
of the division are continually employed in the uranium mining area, the
occupation strength may vary. The light guns are believed to have a
caliber of 37-mm rather than 25-mm.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. [] 25X1
25X1 [] confirms the motor transport unit in the west section
of the Ebersdorfer Kaserne. The east section of the installation has been
carried occupied by an engineer unit. See [] 25X1
The in-
formation in this report tends to indicate that the engineer unit had
been transferred and the east section has been occupied by the Rabenstein
hospital.

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